

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated September 23, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

By this Response, claims 2 and 3 have been amended, and claims 1, 13-15, 18 and 20-29 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. No new matter has been added. Claims 2-8, 11-12, 16-17 and 19 are pending in the application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 13-15, 18 and 20-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1 and 3-17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,680,769. Applicants have cancelled claims 1, 13-15, 18 and 20-29. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-8 and 11-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,583,836, issued to Kim et al. (hereafter "Kim") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,603,524, issued to Shimada et al. (hereafter "Shimada"). Claims 1 and 13-15, 18 and 20-29 have been cancelled. Thus, the rejection as applied to these cancelled claims is rendered moot. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection because Kim and the present application were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person, i.e., LG.Philips LCD Co., Ltd. Accordingly, Kim is disqualified as prior art against the claims of the present invention under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c). Further, Shimada, alone, fails to teach or suggest all the combined features recited in the claims of the present application. As such, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-8 and 11-29 are respectfully requested.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to

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discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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